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TO SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA

PRESS CONFERENCE

(S/S 7602662)

REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE TRANSMISSION OF FOLLOWING PROPOSED
CABLE TO ANAVO, ALL AF POSTS, BRASILIA, GEORGETOWN,
PANAMA, PORT OF SPAIN, MEXICO, KINGSTON, CARACAS, LIMA,
MADRID, STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI, VIENNA, INFO - AMREPS, MOSCOW

BEGIN TEXT: UNDER HEADLINE "KISSINGER WEIGHS ANGOLA
SHIFT", WASHINGTON POST, FEBRUARY 7, REPORTS ON PRESS
CONFERENCE GIVEN BY NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS GARBA AS FOLLOWS: "DESPITE HIS CONGRESSIONAL
TESTIMONY PLEDGING CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE LOSING
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FACTIONS IN-ANGOLA, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER

HAS TOLD A VISITNG AFRICAN LEADER THAT HE IS PRIVATELY
CONSIDERING ACCEPTANCE OF THE WINNING SOVIET-BACKED
POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, 'WHEN THE
TIME COMES'.

COL. JOSEPH N. GARBA, NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, SAID KISSINGER ASSURED HIM DURING AN HOUR-LONG
MEETING THURSDAY THAT 'HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST THE POPULAR
MOVEMENT, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES THAT IT IS NECESSARY
TO SHIFT AMERICAN POLICY ON ANGOLA, HE WOULD CONSIDER
IT.'

2) YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY THAT
U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA HAS NOT CHANGED. DURING HIS MEETING
WITH SECRETARY, GARBA MADE PLEA FOR USG CONTACT WITH MPLA.
IN REPLY SECRETARY REITERATED THAT US HAS NOTHING AGAINST
MPLA, BUT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE
AND INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE EVENTUAL
CONTACT WITH MPLA PROVIDING APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN
TO END SOVIET/CUBAN AND ALL OTHER FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

3) ALL AF DIPLOMATIC POSTS: THIS INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE
CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE
NOT RECOGNIZED MPLA AND THOSE WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA
BUT WHOSE POSITION IS KNOWN TO BE FLEXIBLE. BUT ALL
OTHERS, INCLUDING HARD-CORE MPLA SUPPORTERS SHOULD
ALSO BE INFORMED. END TEXT

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